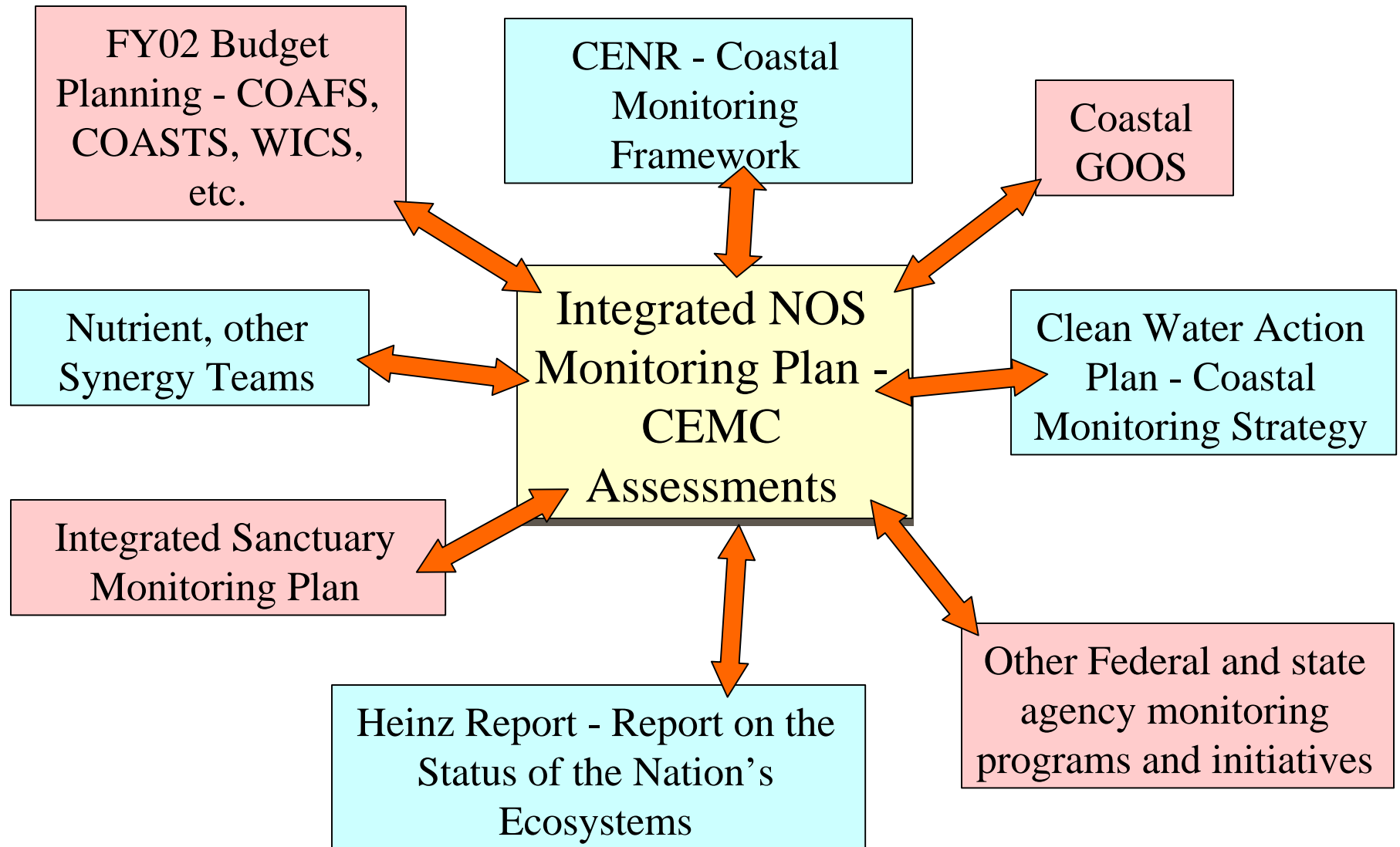




Dr. Foster's charge to develop a
NOS Coastal Environmental Monitoring Plan :

“address all activities conducted or supported by NOS related to the regular collection, management, analysis, and dissemination of environmental monitoring and observational data and information. The Plan should **summarize existing and planned NOS efforts, recommend ways to improve NOS's effectiveness and efficiency of those efforts, and provide estimates of the resources necessary to fully implement NOS's responsibilities in this area**”

Integrating with Other Activities



Accomplishments to Date



- Identified Monitoring Needs for FY02 Investments
- Completed Surveys for 23 programs plus 11 sanctuaries
- Developed CEMC Website
- Compiled GIS coverages for 22 programs and are testing interactive web mapping capability
- Distributed *Report I: Current NOS Environmental Monitoring Activities* for review
- Identified plan and schedule for subsequent gap analyses and recommendations



Working Definition

NOS Coastal Environmental Monitoring consists of all activities conducted or supported by NOS involving the **sustained collection of measurements, often repetitive**, taken to establish **a baseline** or to **determine a trend in environmental conditions** and including the management, analysis, and dissemination of these measurements.

Elements of an Integrated Monitoring Strategy

Defining Needs and Integrated Planning

- Identify Stewardship Responsibilities
- Identify Priority Problems/Issues of Concern
- Build Monitoring Inventory
- Identify partnerships and integration opportunities

Monitoring - A sustained program of measurements intended to establish a baseline or determine a trend of environmental change (working definition proposed by CEMC)

Methods Development and Research

- Analytical techniques
- Monitoring equipment and protocols
- Model building

Data Acquisition

- Operational monitoring
- Baseline characterization or repetitive measurements
- Varying time and space scales

Data Delivery

- QA/QC procedures
- Dissemination to users

Assessment Products

- State of the Coast Reports
- Forecasts
- Indicators and Performance Measures

Management, Education, and Decisionmaking

- More informed decisions
- Improved coastal stewardship

Feedback to refine monitoring strategy

Operational Monitoring Inventory



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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| ■ Program Type | ■ Temporal Characteristics |
| ■ Program Name | ■ Users/Customers |
| ■ Purpose Ö | ■ Funding Amounts |
| ■ Mandates/Authorizations | ■ Availability of Data |
| ■ Monitoring Focus | ■ Tier (1,2,3) Ö |
| ■ Target Parameter Groups | ■ Products |

Ö Uses frameworks developed through CENR and Coastal GOOS

Operational Monitoring Inventory - Preliminary Findings



- 23 Programs currently surveyed
- Primary focus is monitoring for Healthy Marine Ecosystems and Safe Marine Operations
- Mix of National (Tier I) and more site-specific, cause and effect monitoring (Tiers II and III)
- FY00 Investment still being determined

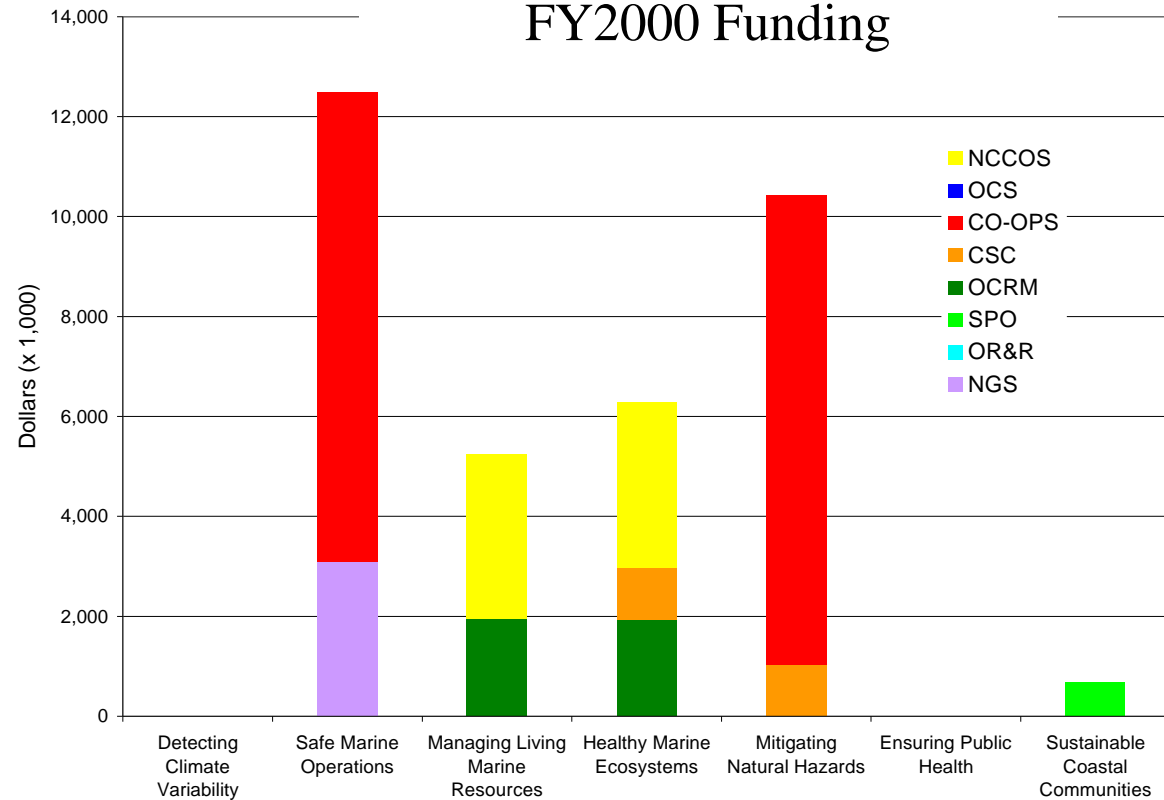
Operational Inventory Results

Monitoring Programs

Draft

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NS&T Bioeffects Survey											
NS&T Benthic Surveillance*											
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Coral Reef Mapping											
Coral Reef Monitoring **											
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National Estuarine Research Reserve System-wide Monitoring Program (SWMP)											
Land Cover Change Analysis											
Topographic Beach Change Mapping											
Benthic Habitat Assessment and Mapping:											
• Seagrass Mapping											
• Remote Sensing of Coral Reefs											
• Unconsolidated Sediments											

NOS Monitoring Programs by FY2000 Funding



Why NOS Monitors



Historical Perspective

- Physical side of house has been around since 1807
 - Tide predictions, hydrographic surveys, and geodesy
- Ecosystem monitoring much more recent and generally associated with the creation of NOAA
 - MESA and OCSEAP (1974) -- offshore and impact-oriented
 - National Status and Trends (1984) -- environmental quality in estuaries
 - NERRS SWMP (1995) and Sanctuaries (1994) -- environmental characterization in protected areas

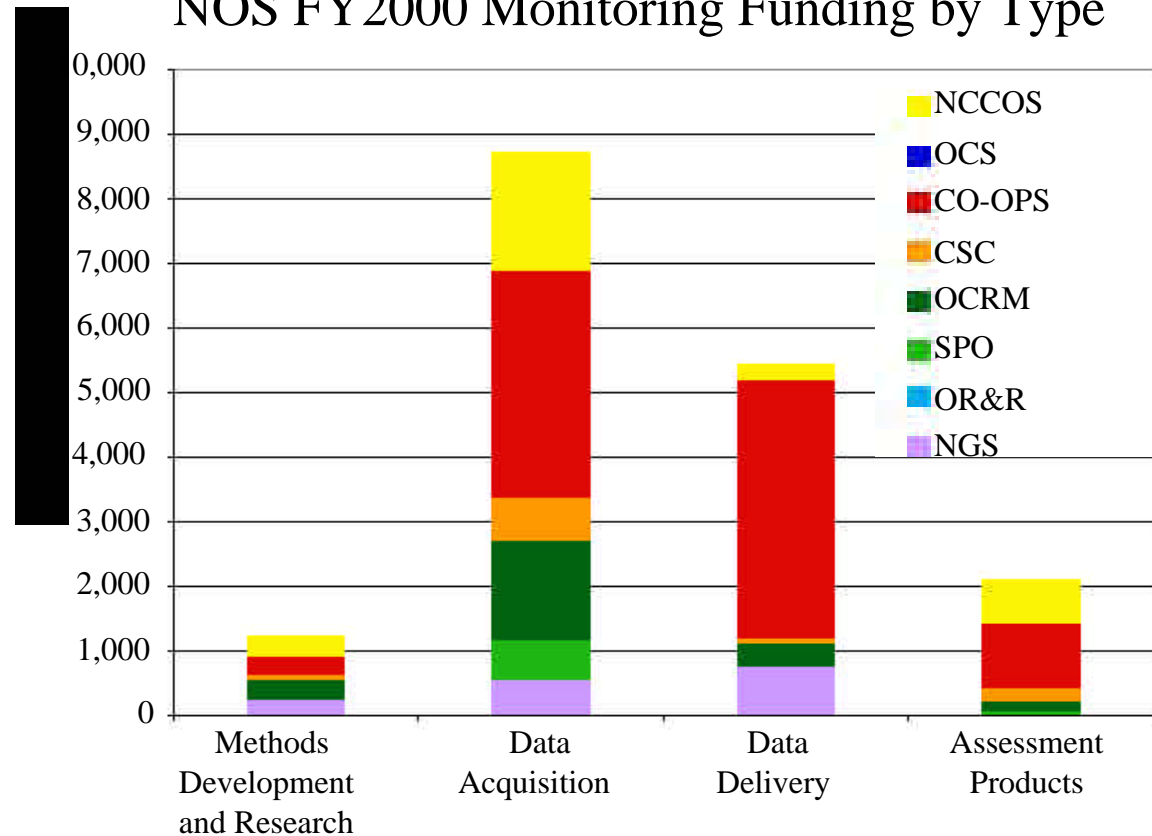
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NOS FY2000 Monitoring Funding by Type



Why NOS Monitors



Drivers/Justifications

- Legislative Mandates
- NOS Mission/Strategic Plan
- Accumulated Responsibilities
- Performance Measurement?

Roles & Responsibilities

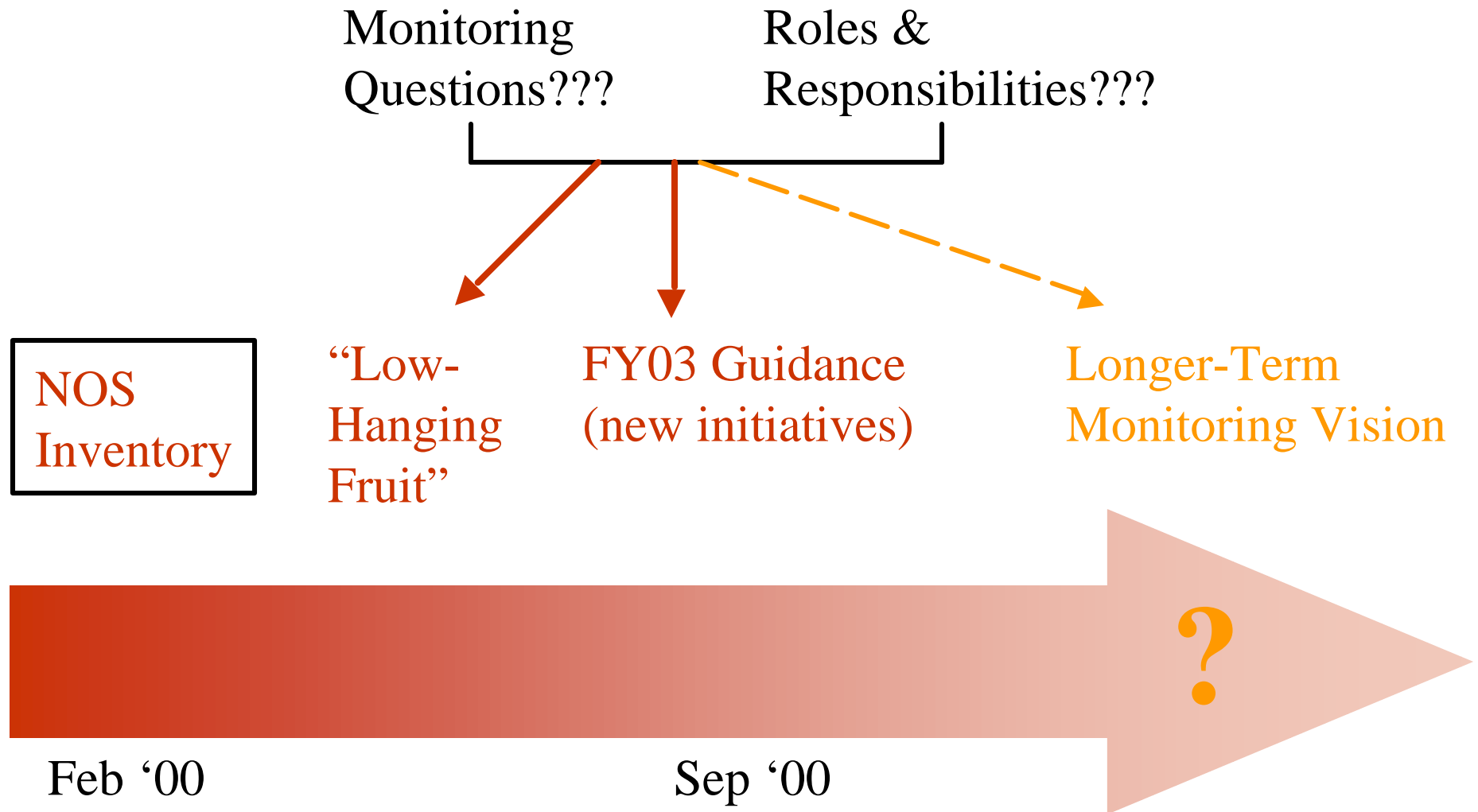
- Safe Navigation
- National Picture
- Marine Protected Areas
- Capacity Building
- Restoration
- Forecasting
- Research

Take Home Message

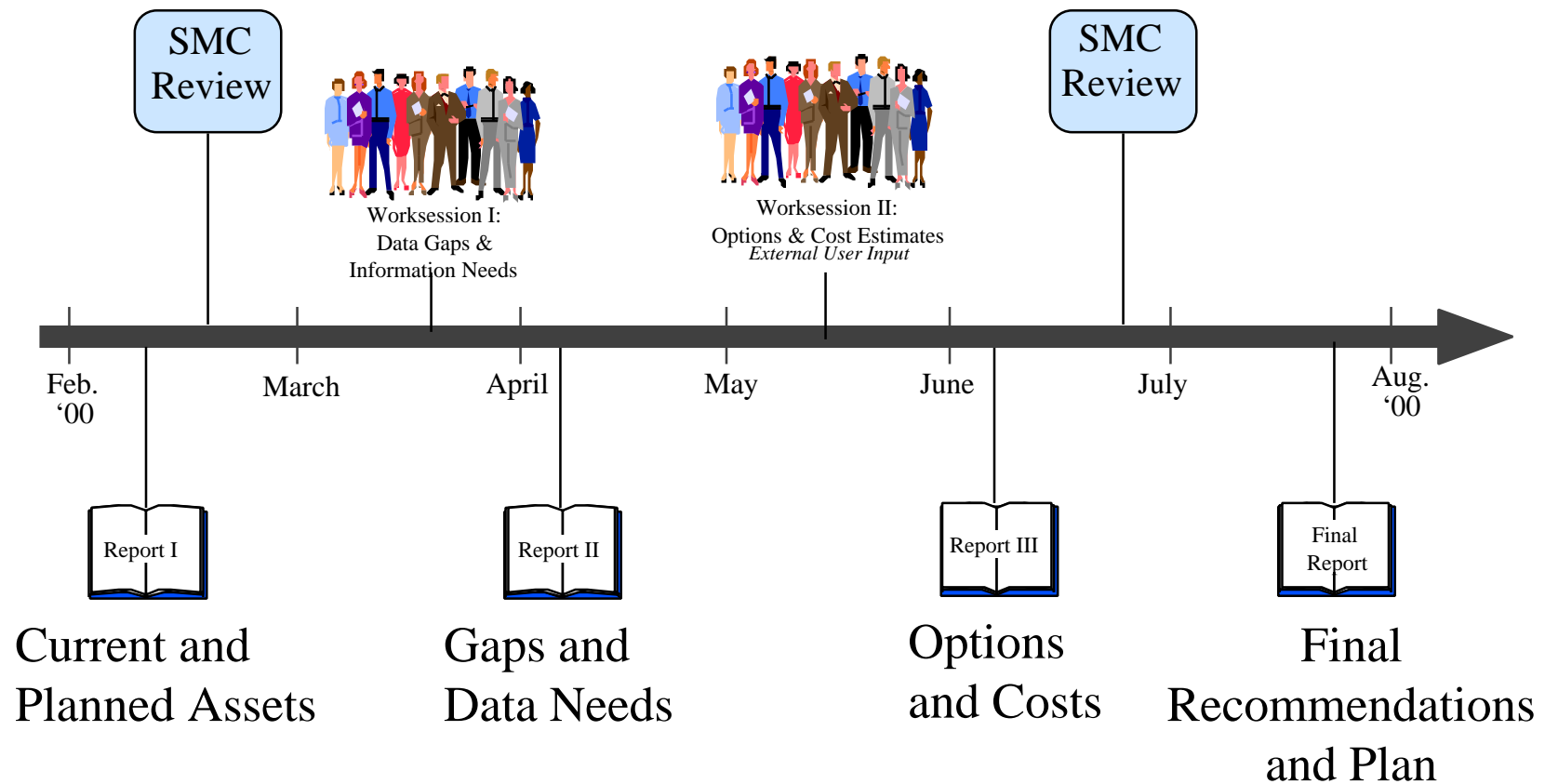


- Now have a capability to understand our monitoring program - we should maintain and improve it;
- Need to develop a strategic concept (vision) to understand our desired expansion path for NOS monitoring both thematically and geographically
- With the above in place, NOS will have the information base and plan to more effectively compete for resources to achieve its coastal stewardship mission

Where Are We Going?



Timeline



Next Steps -- Gap Analysis

		Possible Priority Issues
		Eutrophication Habitat Loss Coral Reefs Contaminants Invasive Species Water Level
Roles & Responsibilities	National Picture Marine Protected Areas Capacity-Building Forecasting Research Safe Navigation	<u>Proposal</u> -- convene a series of roundtable discussions with NOS offices to determine monitoring priorities and to develop questions to be answered by monitoring

CEMC Web Site Tour



NOS Coastal Environmental Monitoring Committee

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[Materials for CEMC Report](#)
Review and comment on draft versions of the CEMC Report. Review relevant background materials in Portable Document Format (PDF).

[Member List](#)
See CEMC work group member names and contact information.

[Map Monitoring Programs](#)
*****UNDER CONSTRUCTION*****
Use an interactive mapping tool (ArcIMS Beta 3.0) to view data and compare monitoring programs. Zoom, pan, turn layers on/off, and list data. Because this is a beta version, please contact, [Alison Hammer](#) for user address.

[Image Gallery](#)
View pre-made maps of various NOS and other Federal monitoring programs. Save and print images.

[NOS Monitoring Program Inventory](#)
View characteristics of NOS monitoring programs.

[Relevant Web Links](#)
Link to NOS and other monitoring Web sites and to important on-line publications.

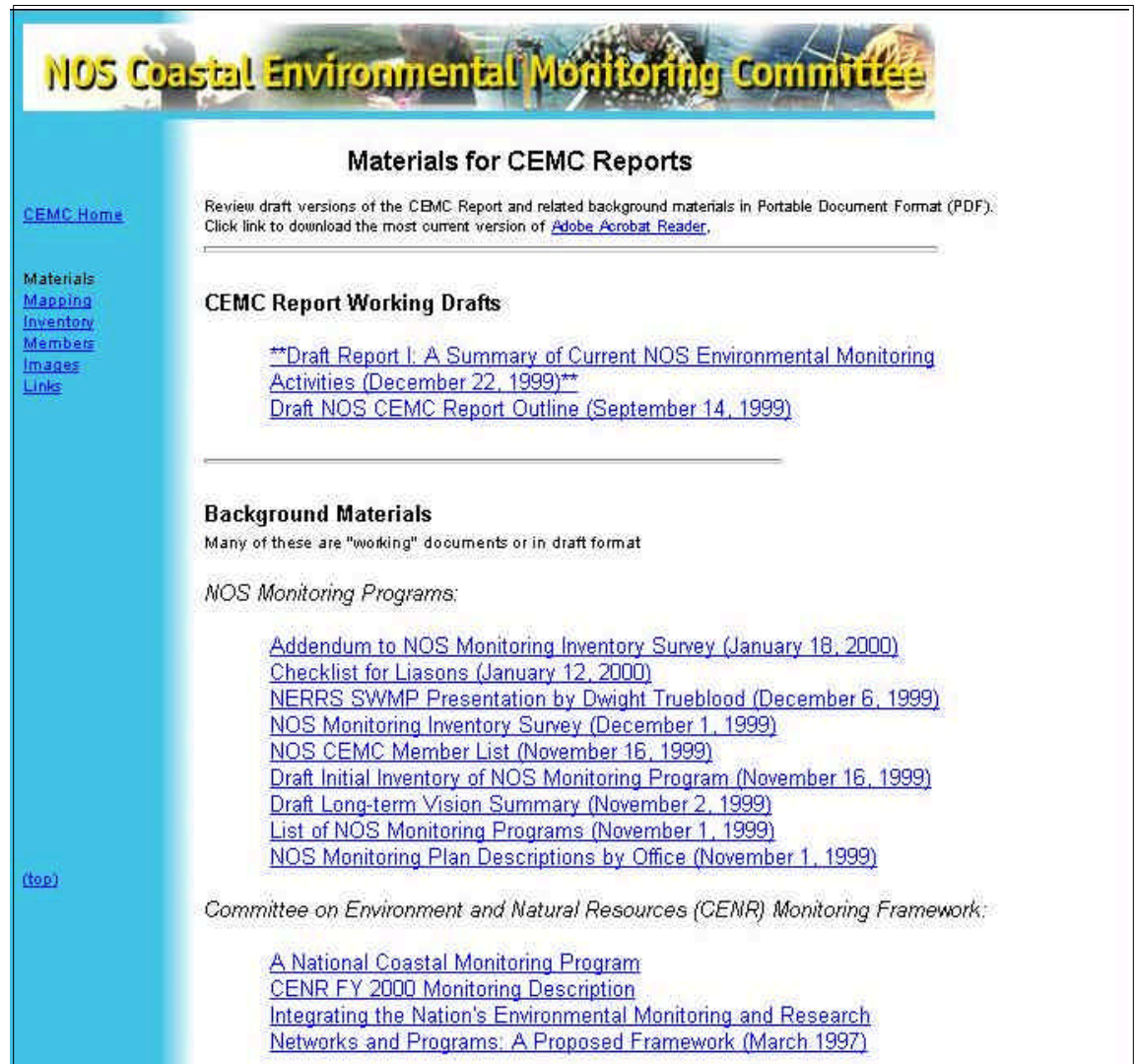


Visit the site at :

<http://is2.nos.noaa.gov/monitoring/cemc/>

Background Materials

- Report drafts
- Committee support materials
- Relevant reports and references



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NOS Coastal Environmental Monitoring Committee

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CEMC Report Working Drafts

[**Draft Report I: A Summary of Current NOS Environmental Monitoring Activities \(December 22, 1999\)**](#)
[Draft NOS CEMC Report Outline \(September 14, 1999\)](#)

Background Materials

Many of these are "working" documents or in draft format

NOS Monitoring Programs:

- [Addendum to NOS Monitoring Inventory Survey \(January 18, 2000\)](#)
- [Checklist for Liasons \(January 12, 2000\)](#)
- [NERRS SWMP Presentation by Dwight Trueblood \(December 6, 1999\)](#)
- [NOS Monitoring Inventory Survey \(December 1, 1999\)](#)
- [NOS CEMC Member List \(November 16, 1999\)](#)
- [Draft Initial Inventory of NOS Monitoring Program \(November 16, 1999\)](#)
- [Draft Long-term Vision Summary \(November 2, 1999\)](#)
- [List of NOS Monitoring Programs \(November 1, 1999\)](#)
- [NOS Monitoring Plan Descriptions by Office \(November 1, 1999\)](#)

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (CENR) Monitoring Framework:

- [A National Coastal Monitoring Program](#)
- [CENR FY 2000 Monitoring Description](#)
- [Integrating the Nation's Environmental Monitoring and Research Networks and Programs: A Proposed Framework \(March 1997\)](#)

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Monitoring Inventory

- Table of Operational Monitoring Programs
- Survey results
- Other related programs

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An Inventory of NOS Monitoring Programs and Related Activities

[Introduction](#) • [NOS Current Operational Monitoring Programs](#) • [Other Monitoring Program Types](#) • [Supporting Data Sets](#) • [Database Fields](#) • [Background Information](#)

This inventory list is a "living document." If you notice a monitoring program that should be included, please notify: Alison.Hammer@noaa.gov

Introduction

Monitoring - Repetitive measurements intended to establish a baseline or determine a trend of environmental change (working definition proposed by CEMC)

The purpose of this inventory is to compile a comprehensive listing of monitoring programs and related activities, consistently characterize these programs, and gather geospatial information about their location and extent. The Committee will initially focus on what has been termed "operational" monitoring activities. However, many activities are involved in support of operational monitoring and will eventually be included. For instance, some programs that were originally identified as NOS Monitoring Programs have been determined not to be operational monitoring programs, but rather have been classified as *research that supports improved monitoring methods, monitoring not sponsored by NOS or just not monitoring.*

Table 1. Current NOS Operational Monitoring Programs

Lists Current Operational Monitoring Programs by NOS line office as well as the status of the survey and related Arview geographies. Click on "complete" in the survey status column to view a brief program description as well as responses for the entire survey.

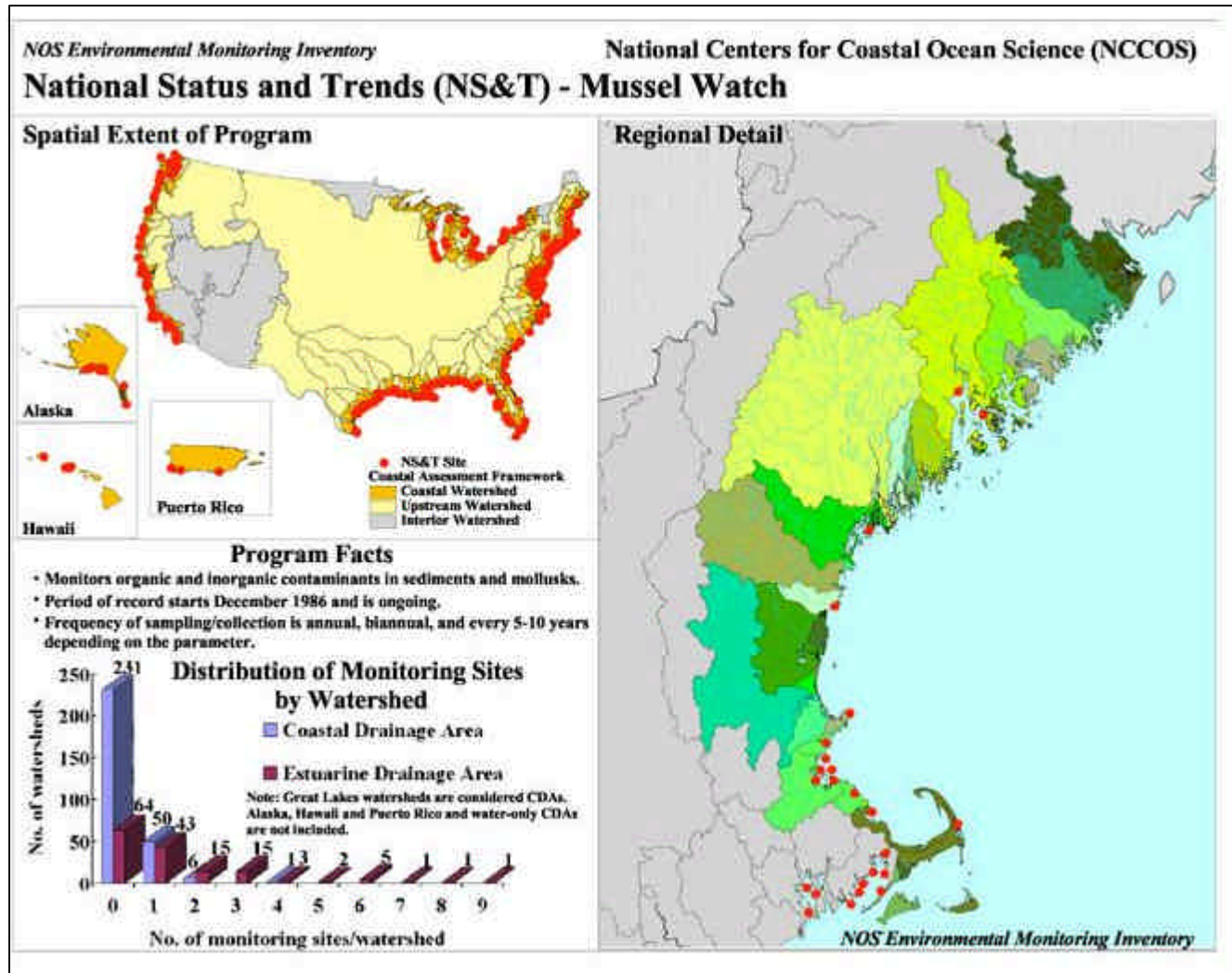
NOS Operational Monitoring Programs	Status of Program
Program Name	Survey
NCCOS	
NS&T Mussel Watch	Complete
NS&T Bioeffects Surveys	Complete

Image Gallery

- Quick visual summary
- National extent
- Regional view
- Program facts



Image Gallery Blowup



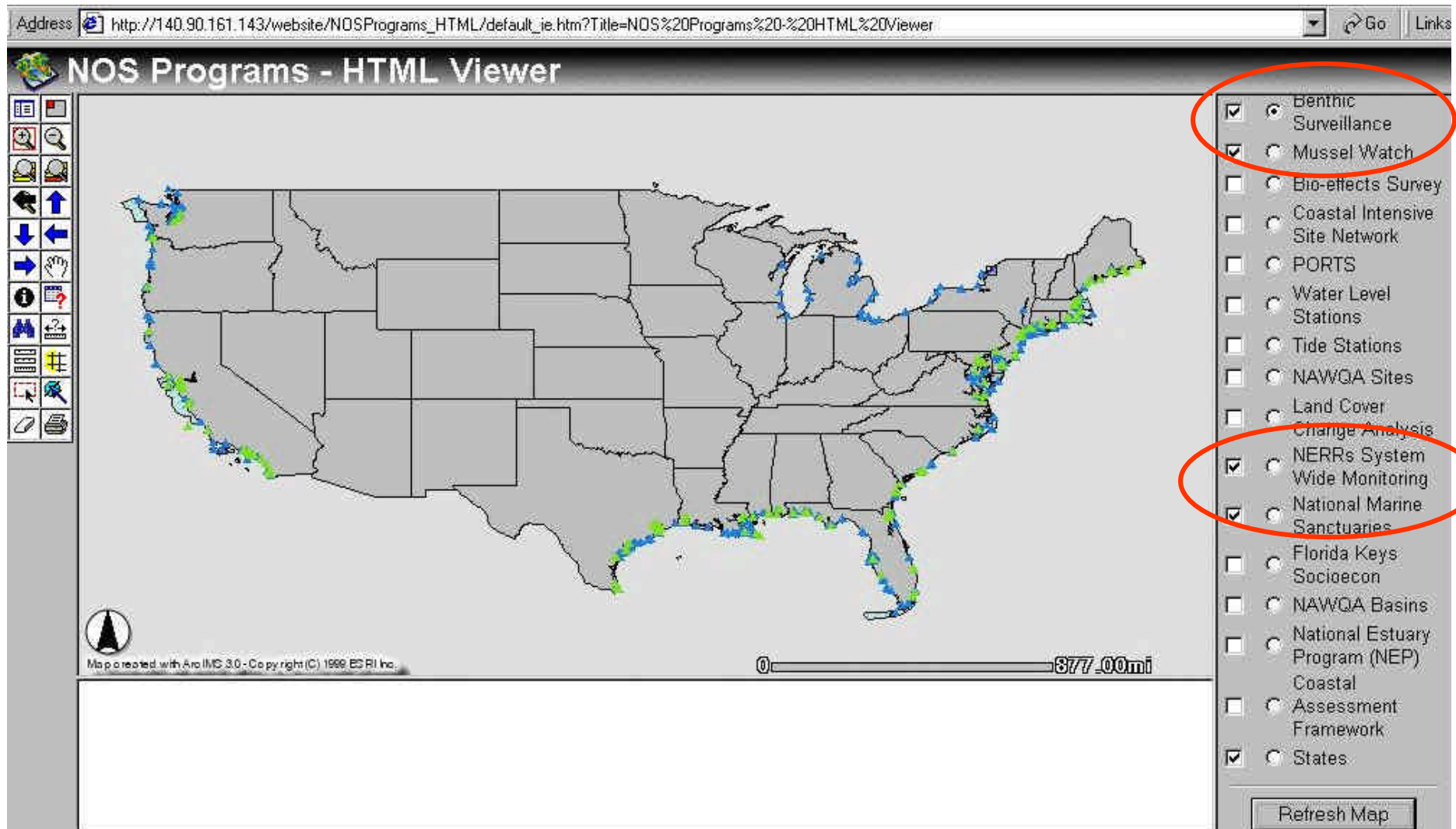
Related Links

- Program specific links
- NOS site
- Other Federal agencies
- Interagency frameworks
- Legislative authorities

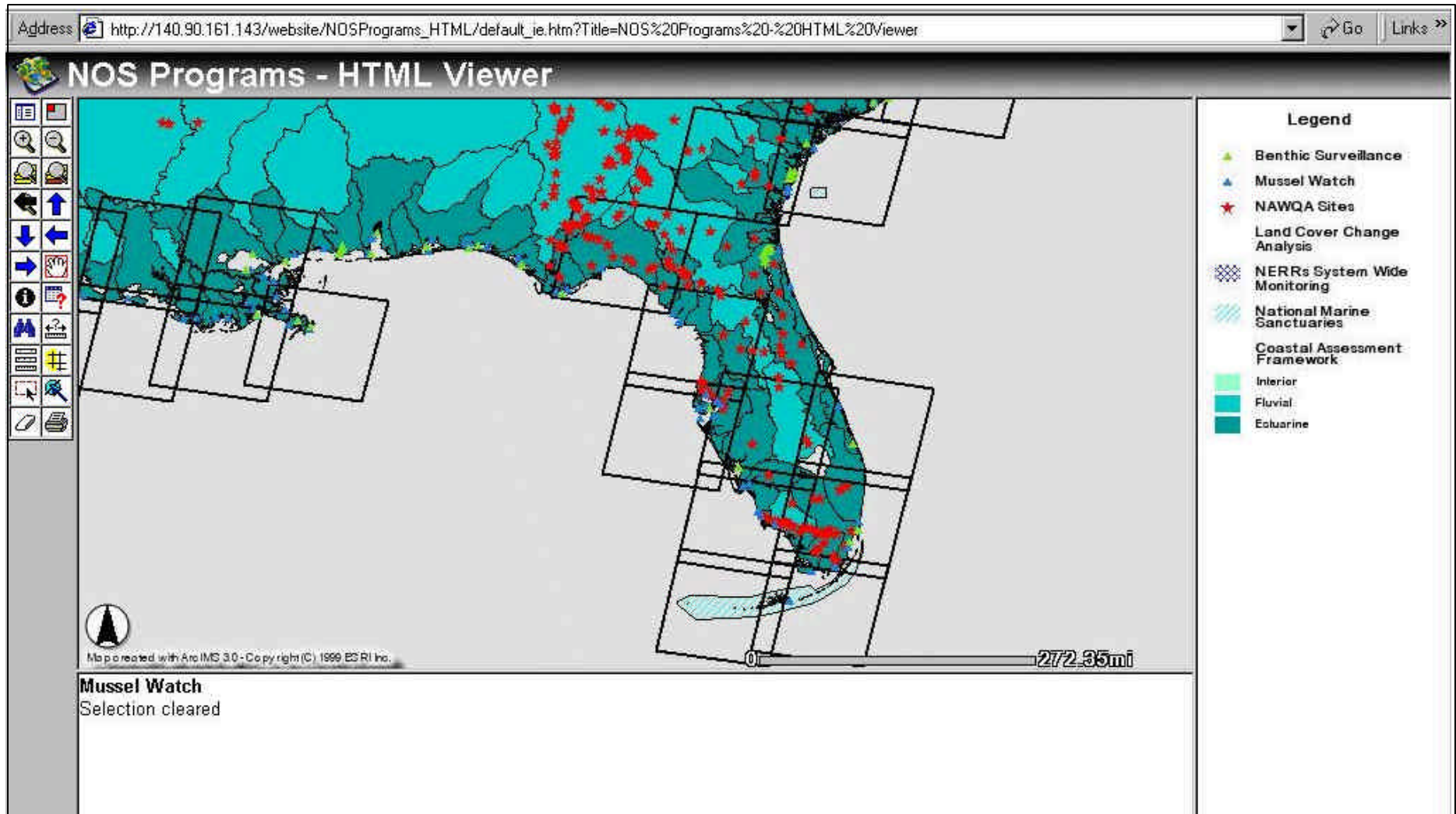


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Interactive Mapping



Interactive Mapping - Regional



Interactive Mapping - Zoom

